

Gridley City Council – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2016; 6:00 pm
Gridley City Hall, 685 Kentucky Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Approved as Submitted

“Our purpose is to continuously enhance our community’s vitality and overall quality of life. We are committed to providing high quality, cost-effective municipal services and forming productive partnerships with our residents and regional organizations. We collectively develop, share, and are guided by a clear vision, values, and meaningful objectives.”

Mayor, Frank Hall
Vice Mayor, Bruce Johnson
Council member, Jeff Draper
Council member, Owen Stiles
Council member, Ray Borges

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Council member

Present: Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson
Absent: Hall
Arriving post roll call: None

Staff present: Dean Price, Chief of Police/Interim City Administrator
Tony Galyean, City Attorney
Matt Michaelis, Finance Director
Scott Rolls, City Engineer
Donna Decker, Planning Consultant

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Vice Mayor Johnson

D. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION FORUM

Lynn Spencer, Chamber President, gave an update to Council.

Marti Stiles addressed Council concerned that the arrows placed on the street in front of her house for the recent bike ride are still there.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Council minutes dated January 4, 2016
2. Feather Flyer monthly update, February 2016
3. Recreation Department monthly update, February 2016
4. Electric Department monthly update, February 2016

5. Police Department monthly update, February 2016
6. Public Works Department monthly update, February 2016
7. Building Department update, July through November 2015
8. Fire Department monthly update, February 2016
9. Acceptance of Employment Agreement for the Position of Electric Superintendent
10. Daddow Park Progress Report

Vice Mayor Johnson pulled items #5 and #10 and placed them under 'Verbal Department Reports' for discussion.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Draper, seconded by Councilmember Borges

ROLL CALL VOTE

Ayes: Draper, Stiles, Borges, Johnson

Motion passed, 4-0

F. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

11. Approval of Resolution No. 2016-R-005: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Gridley Authorizing the Finance Director to Invest Funds and Choose an Investment Broker in Accordance with the City's Investment Policy

Matt Michaelis reported that the City has \$7,277,606 in LAIF at an interest rate of .29 percent, and \$1,000,000 in a savings account at an interest rate of .43 percent. Annual income from these ranges between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The City has never had a robust investment program and currently has an opportunity to start one by beginning investing amounts in increments of \$100,000 in short-term, liquid securities which are in accordance with the City's investment policy. With this opportunity, the City has a possibility to at least double its return on investment.

Councilman Draper expressed concern stating that it's real risky to put money in the bank right now. He said he would like more information before he made a decision.

Joe Busch and Joe Dewsnup had questions regarding where the money comes from and on what it can be spent.

Michaelis answered their questions and expanded saying that this is very common practice among other cities and the options recommended are in accord with the City's Investment Policy.

This item was continued to a future date.

G. VERBAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS

12. Update on Vierra Park Restrooms – Donna Decker

Donna Decker gave a verbal update on the progress with Daddow Park. She stated Council had previously asked for information regarding using Daddow Park grant funds to make improvements at Vierra Park. She reported that the State will allow the use of the funds. She then discussed the possibility of installing restrooms in Vierra Park instead of Daddow Park and the different options available.

Community members spoke to the need of bathrooms in Vierra Park. They recited safety issues, cleanliness, and the fact that other communities visit Gridley, especially during Little League, and the bathrooms are a bad representation of our City. The need for a new backstop was also discussed. Those that spoke were Joe Busch, Garrett Weagant, Bill Davis and Joe Dewsnup.

H. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports from Council.

I. CLOSED SESSION

13. Public Employment (GC: 54957 (b)(1))

Positions: City Administrator

14. Public Employment (GC: 54957)

Positions: Interim City Administrator, Police Chief, Finance Director, Electric Superintendent, Electric Supervisor, Senior Electric Line Worker, Electric Line Worker, Apprentice Line Worker, Senior Accounting Technician, Accounting Technician, Community Development Assistant, Administrative Services Clerk I/II, Transit Operator, Public Works Director, Maintenance Supervisor, Senior Maintenance Worker, Maintenance Worker I/II, Recreation Coordinator, Recreation Leader, Recreation Aid I/II, Chief Building Official, Part-time Building Inspector, Administrative Assistant (confidential)

15. Conference With Legal Counsel--Existing Litigation

Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

Name of case: Elizondo v. Gridley

Council came out of closed session with no reportable action.

J. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items, Council adjourned to the next meeting scheduled for April 4, 2016.



Paul Eckert, City Clerk

